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Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 42nd and 43rd meetings, on 10 and 14 December 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.42 and 43).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (A/52/799/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/722).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.19

4. At the 43rd meeting, on 14 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola" (A/C.5/53/L.19), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.19 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, by which the Council decided to entrust a new mandate to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II), 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995, by which the Council authorized the establishment of a peacekeeping operation (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission III), 1118 (1997) of 30 June 1997, by which the Council decided to establish, as from 1 July 1997, the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola, and its subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution 1213 (1998) of 3 December 1998,

Recalling its resolution 43/231 of 16 February 1989 on the financing of the Verification Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/8 C of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S–IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola as at 30 November 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 105.4 million United States dollars, representing 9 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Verification Mission to the period ending 30 June

[1] A/52/799/Add.1.

[2] A/53/722.

1997 and from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 31 October 1998, notes that some 18 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with maximum efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Reiterates* the request set out in paragraph 9 of its resolution 52/8 C;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all managers exercising financial responsibility are issued the revised and updated version of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that every official of the United Nations is responsible to the Secretary-General for the regularity of the actions taken by him or her in the course of his or her official duties and that any official who takes any action contrary to the Financial Rules, or to the administrative instructions issued in connection therewith, may be held personally responsible and financially liable for the consequences of such action;

11. *Recalls* its request to the Secretary-General in its resolution 49/218 of 23 December 1994 to include full implementation of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations as a specific performance indicator in the performance appraisal of all managers;

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola the additional amount of 87,200,000 dollars gross (84,575,000 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, taking into account the amount of 45,899,080 dollars gross (44,301,680 dollars net) already appropriated for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998 under the provisions of its resolution 52/8 C, and inclusive of the amount of 10,900,000 dollars gross (10,500,650 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee for the month of November 1998 under the terms of section IV of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

13. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 45,899,080 dollars gross (44,301,680 dollars net) already apportioned under the provisions of its resolution 52/8 C, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 42,821,400 dollars gross (41,532,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1998 to 26 February 1999, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its

resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,289,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 November 1998 to 26 February 1999;

15. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 44,378,600 dollars gross (43,042,600 dollars net) for the period from 27 February to 30 June 1999 at a monthly rate of 10,900,000 dollars gross (10,571,875 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999 as set out in its resolution 52/215 A, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 26 February 1999;

16. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,336,000 dollars approved for the period from 27 February to 30 June 1999;

17. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

18. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola".